Hospital facilities for Beedi Workers suffering from T.B.

830. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scheme for domicillary treatment of beedi workers suffering from T.B.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a scheme for reservation of beds etc. in T.B. Hospitals for beedi workers;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether any progress has so far been made towards setting up of 10-bedded hospital at Gursahai Ganj, Farrukhabad, U.P. under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(g) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the Scheme is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexur No. 48.]

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A copy of the Scheme is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 49.]

(e) to (g) The matter is being examined in consultation with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Calcutta High Court Judgement regarding Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited

831. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the High Court of Calcutta has declared that the business of Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited did not come under the jurisdiction of the Prize Chits and Money Circulation (Banning) Act, 1978;

(b) if so, whether the Reserve Bank has sought special permission to move the Supreme Court in the matter;

(c) whether Government propose to bring forward a suitable amendment to the Act to nullify the judgement in the interest of small investors; and

(d) what are the latest instructions of the High Court in this case and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) The Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court in their recent Judgement has held that the activities of Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited, Calcutta are not attracted by the provisions of the Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978. Consequently, the notices served by the State Government of West Bengal and State Government of Madhya Pradesh asking the company to submit a winding up plan have been quashed by the High Court. Prayer of the Counsel of Union of India and Reserve Bank of India for issue of a certificate under Article 133(1) of the Constitution, to enable them to file an appeal in the Supreme Court was rejected on the ground that the point has been decided on the basis of ear-

lier decisions of the Supreme Court. Request for stay of operation of the Order of the Calcutta High Court was also refused.

Certified copy of the Judgement has been received only recently and the same is being studied in detail for further necessary action.

Amendment of Labour Laws

832. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of labour laws are proposed to be amended by Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a comprehensive legislation on child labour is being introduced in Parliament soon; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The amendments are being processed in consultation with concerned Ministries.

करेंसी नोटों के मुद्रण में प्रयुक्त होने वाली स्याही का आयात

833. **श्री सूरज प्रसाद** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नासिक और देवास मुद्रणालय में करेंसी नोटों के मुद्रण में प्रयुक्त होने वाली स्याही का विदेशों से भारी मात्रा में आयात किया जाता है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि भारत को इस स्याही के निर्यातक देश इस स्याही को तैयार करने के लिए भारत में ही कच्चे माल का आयात कर रहे हैं और क्या यह भी सच है कि कुछ वर्ष पूर्व भारत में ही इस स्याही को तैयार किया जाता था लेकिन अब इसका तैयार किया जाना बन्द कर दिया गया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान, वर्षवार, इसके आयात पर कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा व्यय की गई है और देश में इसके उत्पादन को सरकार द्वारा बन्द कर दिए जाने के क्या कारण है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) से (ग) करेंसी नोट प्रेस, नासिक और बैंक नोट प्रेस, देवास में नई इंटेग्लियो मशीनों की आवश्यकता को पूरा करने के लिए वर्ष 1985-86 और 1986-87 के दौरान 400 मीट्रिक टन शीघ्र सूखने वाली इंटेग्लियो स्याही (क्विक सेट इंटेग्लियो इंक) के आयात करने की अनुमति दी गई है। इस पर लगभग 5.84 करोड़ रुपये की विदेशी मुद्रा व्यय होगी। इस शीघ्र सूखने वाली इंटेग्लियो स्याही को छोड़कर, बैंक नोट प्रेस, देवास का स्याही कारखाना स्याही संबंधी समस्त आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति करता है।

शीघ्र सूखने वाली इंटेग्लियो स्याही के उत्पादन के लिए प्रौद्योगिकी देश में उपलब्ध नहीं है। चूंकि इस स्याही के उत्पादन का सूत्र (फार्मूलेशन) पता नहीं है इसलिए यह निर्धारित करना संभव नहीं है कि क्या इस प्रयोजन के लिए आवश्यक कोई कच्ची सामग्री भारत में आयात की जाती है।

Seizure of gold and gold biscuits

834. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of primary gold and gold biscuits seized by the various agencies of his Ministry during the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and so far during 1986-87;